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City's Airport Day Inaugurates Jet-Age

Transport Named for Torrance

An exciting indication of the city's future in the jet-age will be given spectators Saturday, when Torrance Municipal Airport stages its second annual Airport Day program.

The Day begins at 9:30 a.m. and before the last event at 5 p.m., viewers will have seen a giant aircraft named after our town, a model plane dogfight, an airplane race, many displays and a movie star.

Feature of the day is the Handicap Trophy Dash, a non-stop race from the airport to Warner Springs and return.

Trophies will be presented race winners by Mayor Albert Isen in 5 p.m. closing ceremonies.

Another highlight is the naming of one of the world's largest aircraft, a Douglas C-133A, "City of Torrance." Mrs. Isen will christen the great turbo-prop heavy cargo transport at 1 p.m.

According to airport day chairman Joe Doss, only one other city, San Francisco, has been honored by having a transport named after it. Doss said that the public may go aboard the plane to view it first-hand.

The C-133 has the ability to haul a 41,700 pound payload for 3,500 nautical miles. Ninety-six percent of all ground force vehicles can be hauled inside it.

A Hollywood movie star, Kathy Marlow, will attempt to learn to "solo" in one day during the activities.

Miss Marlow, who has never flown before, will start receiving instructions when the Day begins at 9:30 a.m. and she will attempt a solo before 5 p.m.

Instructions and planes will be furnished by the Skyline Company. Purpose of the event is to dramatize the ease in which one may become a pilot today, says Doss.

An added feature of the program will be a model airplane "dog fight."

Model Dog Fight
Four local boys will conduct a mock battle, with performances at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Participants will be Byron and Jimmy Ivey, John Gudvanden and Phil Garro.

Twenty static displays will be set up on the airport grounds. List of exhibitors includes Al-



"CITY OF TORRANCE"—One of the world's largest aircraft, a Douglas C-133A transport, will soon be named after the city. Mrs. Albert Isen will christen the ship at Saturday's Airport Day program.

The plane is 157 feet long and has a wing span of 179 feet, 8 inches. Spectators at the day's program will be able to go inside the plane and view the interior.



MOVIE STAR TO SOLO—Vivacious Kathy Marlow of Hollywood will attempt to learn to solo during the Airport Day festivities Saturday. Her instructor will be Sgt. Leland Mason of the United States Air Force. The actress has never flown before.

Torrance Girl Wins 'Miss Redondo' Title

A striking blue-eyed college girl from Torrance is the new Miss Redondo Beach of 1959.

Bonnie Jean Braugh, 18, 429 Via Los Miradores, was crowned queen of the South Bay in ceremonies Saturday night in the Redondo High School auditorium.

Miss Braugh will compete in the Miss California finals next June at Santa Cruz.

She is the first entry in the Miss America pageant competition for 1960, according to Mel Wenzel, executive director of the Miss Redondo pageant.

Bonnie is the daughter of Frank Braugh of Hollywood Riviera. She attends El Camino College, majoring in English.

The brown-haired coed won over 10 other contestants, including four other Torrance girls, in the final judging. The two runners-up were Beverly Thomas, 17, of Torrance, and Barbara Lallou, 17, of Manhattan Beach.

Bonnie Jean is 5 ft., 6 in., and weighs 128 pounds. In the talent contest, she presented a dramatic speech titled "Midsummer's Nightmare," which she wrote herself.

The speech, in a comic vein, brought much laughter from the crowd attending the finals.

Hobbies of the new Miss Redondo Beach are cooking and dancing, as well as reading and drama.

Sponsors of the beauty pageant, the Redondo Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, said they were pleased with the judges' decision, even though they chose a Torrance girl.

Gardena Moves to Annex Disputed Land

The annexation fight between Torrance and Gardena over a section of land near El Camino College moved into its second round today.

Gardena City Attorney Donald Davidson prepared a set of pleadings supporting Gardena's right to annex land along Crenshaw Blvd. for submission to the attorney general's office.

Gardena must answer Torrance's motion to halt annexation before Monday.

If Torrance can prevent the Gardena acquisition, it can attempt to annex both the Crenshaw property and a residential development near El Camino which Lawndale is presently seeking to incorporate in its boundary plans.

Chamber Warns Against Solicitors; Gage Arraignment Set for Today

Arraignment at 9 a.m. today in South Bay Municipal Court on charges of theft is scheduled for a man who allegedly solicited funds from Torrance merchants in the name of the Torrance Area Youth Band.

Appearing in court will be Melford Gage, 34, 20837 Halldale, who was arrested by Torrance police Friday after over 20 firms reported the soliciting.

Gage works for a small band on Western Ave., but is not connected with the Youth Band. Police estimate at least \$300 was collected from about 100 local places of business.

Chamber Issues Warning
Prompted by the arrest and story in Sunday's Press, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce issued a warning today to local merchants to guard against phony soliciting.

"Approval of the Chamber should be obtained before making any donation," cautioned J. H. Paget, Chamber president.

Paget said the Chamber conducts a rigid solicitation control program to protect Torrance businessmen and never approves any applications without investigation.

According to Lt. A. S. Thompson, president of the Youth Band, the band does not collect its money by soliciting from merchants.

"Anyone who has made such a contribution during the last two weeks to the Youth Band was misled and should notify the police," he said.

Paget said that the Chamber is also strongly opposed to any telephone "boiler-shop" type solicitations.

Telephone Soliciting Out
Many residents with Frontier exchanges have complained to the Chamber that they were told by callers that the Chamber is sponsoring a telephone solicitation for coupon books.

"We are definitely not sponsoring it, and we are publicly

opposed to this type of solicitation," Paget said.

Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce President Bob Morris said his group also was being called regarding the program which is being conducted by a neighboring Jaycee group.

Ocean Mishaps Hit Lomita Men

A Lomita man was killed this week in a skin-diving mishap about 100 yards off the lighthouse at the end of the harbor breakwater.

Manning Roeder, 36, architect, of 24670 Narbonne Ave., sank below the surface while calling for help from his companions, Dep. Sheriffs John R. Hedrick, 4636 Talisman St., Torrance, and Jean Legette of Long Beach.

His companions failed in their attempts to rescue him. His body was recovered several hours later.

In a freak accident last weekend, a 15-year-old Lomita boy suffered a broken back when a huge wave flipped him over onto the sand in Long Beach.

Charles Smith, 2448 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., was taken to Seaside Hospital, where he was reported paralyzed from the waist down.

KIWANIANS VISIT LAS VEGAS

Eleven members of the Torrance Kiwanis club and their wives will attend the annual Kiwanis convention in Las Vegas from Oct. 11-14.



BAY BEAUTIES—Torrance's Bonnie Jean Braugh, 18 (center), is crowned Miss Redondo Beach, first rung in the annual Miss America contest, by last year's Redondo title holder, Joyce Mauer. Bonnie's princesses are the runners-up for the 1959 crown, Barbara Lallou, 17, of Manhattan Beach (lower left) and Beverly Thomas, 17, of Torrance (lower right). Miss Braugh will compete for the state title in Santa Cruz next year.

Mayor Proclaims Tuesday a Day of Meditation; Airport Center Asked

Next Tuesday, Sept. 15, will be proclaimed a "day for meditation and prayer in Torrance" by Mayor Albert Isen, in order to "Impress Russian Premier Krushchev that we are a God-loving nation" on the day he arrives in this country.

The Mayor asked at Tuesday night's Council meeting that the minute between 11 and 11:01 a.m. on Sept. 15 especially be set aside as a "moment of silence."

He called upon "all people to observe it," and requested the help of ministers and teachers in making it known.

Isen said his proclamation is part of a nationwide movement designed to mark the day of Krushchev's arrival as a special time of prayer, "emphasizing our nation's dedication to God and freedom."

Council unanimously supported his proclamation.

Councilman Robert B. Jahn suggested that a moment of silence might also be proclaimed for the day Krushchev leaves.

Mahon Negotiations
In other Council action Tuesday, representatives of the R. C. Mahon Co. were directed to consult with a committee of local residents from Monterey Ave. regarding suspension of a 100 ft. buffer zone on the Mahon property.

Allen S. Moore, 1741 Elm Ave., protested that "residents have been misled in this affair of the buffer zone," and asked that Mahon Co. be refused its application to suspend the zone.

However, both Moore and Atty. Mewborn, representing the Mahon company, agreed that an office building rather than a factory building might be built up to within 50 feet of Monterey road.

Council then directed that negotiations be based on this agreement.

An Airport Plaza Shopping Center which would provide the city with an estimated \$103,000 annual revenue, was proposed in a bid to the Council for use of 8.4 acres of land at the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

The center would be located adjacent to the airport and would be rented from the city.

In the only bid submitted a group of developers with assets of \$8 million, proposed a center with 90,000 square feet of building area, including a market, variety store, drugs, and service station.

One million dollars worth of structures would be up in five years, including an 270,000 ft. parking area.

Councilmen questioned George L. Graziano, developer representative, on the collection of gallonage, but Graziano maintained that the \$27,000 rent paid the city each year was all his group could offer.

The city attorney was instructed to work out a contract for the property before the next Council meeting.

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Blackstock was forced to hand over receipts of two cash boxes. He told police the bandit kept nodding his head and jumping up and down.

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Police Hunt Suspects in 2 City Robberies

Torrance police today were searching for suspects in two armed robberies which hit a market and a service station over the Labor-day weekend.

Descriptions were broadcast on two men who held up the Foods Company market at 2655 Pacific Coast Hwy. Sunday with a double-barreled shotgun.

According to police, a man in a dark brown suit about 23 years of age and 6 feet tall, along with a second man, 34, escaped in a car driven by a third unidentified accomplice, after robbing the market of about \$17,500.

The men hid out in the market until after it closed, and then surprised John Deere, assistant store manager, as Deere was pushing a cart containing the day's receipts toward the office.

In a calm, unhurried manner, one man told Deere, "If you make one move, I'll kill you. If you trip an alarm or if the police come, you'll be the first to go."

Take Only Bills
The bandits took no checks or change, but put all the bills in a paper bag.

They made Deere carry the money out to the back door of their getaway car, a black 1957 Chevrolet, and warned him that they were going to take him with them.

When Deere reached the car, he dropped the bag and ran. The two men then jumped in the car, which had a black rag over its license plate, and sped off. Deere called police.

A Shell service station at the corner of 174th and Arlington in north Torrance also was robbed Sunday night.

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